State Trust Lands, represented on this colorful map. Most granted to our state at statehood, that offers countless benefits to the people of Washington, and it

At DNR we are committed to applying the best science and forward thinking to manage the state lands in our care. The decisions we make today about the ecosystems and natural resources will have consequences decades into the future. That's important because we manage them, not just for the people here today, but also for generations to come.

This vast array of state-owned lands works hard for the people of the state, whether revenue-producing forests and agricultural lands, marine and freshwater habitats and waterways, or diverse ecosystems that are protected homes to native plants and wildlife.

Many of Washington's unique ecosystems are facing challenges like a changing environment and conversion to development.

Together, we can protect and enhance these natural resources and retain their benefits for all.

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in 1889. These trust lands are a part of an endowment of public lands is the job of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to manage them sustainably.

tract, just 10 miles from I-5, and the Jim Creek acquisition to the north will help buffer thousands of acres of state trust land from non-forest development. Preventing sprawl, while protecting working forests, supports the Northwest quality of life—clean air and water, wildlife habitat, sustainable timber harvesting practices, and recreation. DNR exchanges, transfers or sells at public auction those trust lands less effective for natural resources management—such as those too close to housing

ACQUIRING FORESTS

IN DANGER OF CONVERSION

Through acquisition of replacement properties for the

state trusts—the \$4.15 million, 985-acre **Bear Creek**

Tree Farm in Snohomish County—DNR accomplished

School Trust funding into the future, and the purchase

supports the Working Forest Initiative for preventing

two important objectives: prime working forests will earn

commercial forests from being converted. The Bear Creek



Sciencebased decision making is essential to the sustainability of state trust lands.

PROTECTING THE HEALTH **OF PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE CLEANING UP & RESTORING PUGET SOUND**

Coordinating with Puget Sound Partnership and working with many partners, DNR implements projects that protect and restore the Sound. For instance, we clean up toxic materials and restore native beaches and estuaries. Since 2004, 1,500 8,768 tons of creosote-laden logs, pilings and docks have been removed from beaches and waterfronts—placed into lined landfills—away from ecosystems that people and wildlife depend upon. Removed are 119,251 square feet of docks and other

shaded important nearshore

CREOSOTE DEBRIS

GRANTED

TRUST LANDS

COMMON SCHOOL, INDEMNITY & ESCHEAT

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY TRANSFERRED

CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, PENAL & REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS

UNIVERSITY ORIGINAL

SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL

NORMAL SCHOOL

CAPITOL GRANT

overwater structures that have

area's features include patches of natural-origin forests, mid-elevation habitat and scenic views. It includes 10,270 acres within its proposed boundary, is nested along I-90, and flanked by Mt. Si NRCA and federal forests. Habitat corridors abound for many large and small animals. Most of the new NRCA currently is state trust land, to be transferred through the state's Trust Land Transfer Program. DNR also will seek external funding to acquire private properties within the boundary from willing sellers at market value.

CONSERVATION & RECREATION

Resources Conservation Area was designated. The

In 2009, the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural

MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE NRCA

insects, diseases, and wildfire. These threats can be greatly reduced through active forest management, including practices like thinning and pruning. With funding support from the USDA Forest Service, DNR provides forest management advice and financial assistance to help landowners reduce risks from wildfire and insect infestations. The result is healthy forests which provide many public benefits including clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, and

COLLABORATING

Forest health is a major issue for landowners

in eastern Washington, including threats from

The Middle Fork Snoqualmie NRCA supports the vision of the Mountains to Sound Greenway.

WORKING FORESTS

In a recent land exchange,

State Forest,

30 miles west of

Yakima. A recre-

ation plan has been

developed by DNR

staff and a citizen

working group.

The plan will help

the Ahtanum landscape was

consolidated from a checkerboard

of state and private ownerships

into the 76,000-acre **Ahtanum**

land managers balance the need

grass lands that earn funds for the

state school trust with the demand

for motorized and non-motorized

recreational opportunities.

to provide healthy forests and

State Forest Trust Lands In the 1930s, the state received 620,000 acres of logged and abandoned timberlands. Other parcels were purchased. These trust lands were replanted. Revenue from them helps pay for county public services such as roads, hospitals, and libraries in the 19 counties where the lands are located, and adds to the state General Fund. 625,235 acres 21.3%

On November 11, 1889, Congress

admitted Washington as the 42nd

state in the Union. Congress gave

the new state 3 million acres of

trust lands. Unlike many states,

Washington kept most of its trust

schools, universities, community

and Capitol buildings.

2,303,957 acres 78.7%

colleges, prisons, mental hospitals,

BENEFITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (K-12) 1,812,681 ACRES **62%** AGRICULTURAL & SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL TRUSTS 156,144 ACRES 5.3% -109,717 ACRES 3.7% -JNIVERSITY ORIGINAL & TRANSF. TRUSTS BENEFIT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON lands to provide a continuous flow of income to help build the state's public CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, PENAL & REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS TRUST 59,503 ACRES **2.4**% — STATE FOREST **TRUST LANDS** NORMAL SCHOOL TRUST BENEFITS WESTERN, CENTRAL AND ASTERN WA UNIVERSITIES AND THE 2,929,192 67,269 ACRES 2.3% -OMMUNITY & TECHNICAL 3,517 ACRES **0.12**% **ADMINISTRATIVE SITES DNR-MANAGED SCHOOL TRUST LANDS BUILDING PUBLIC** Natural Areas DNR is steward of high quality native in state natural areas. These protected parcels

Sustainable

Stevvardship

Our decisions and hard work on the ground

leave a legacy of healthy forests, clean water,

thriving ecosystems, and a vibrant natural

resource-based economy.

are used for scientific and educational study, and light public use where appropriate. 130,988 acres 2.3% LANDS 46.1% **Aquatic Lands** With statehood, Washington became the

ADMINISTERED

5,678,398

size of New Hampshire ecosystems and plant and animal communities

steward of aquatic lands—mostly underwater– to manage for all the people as a public trust.

non-motorized, and hiking. Aquatic lands include beaches, tidelands, and beds of marine waters, navigable lakes and rivers. 2,618,218 acres 46.1%

general public can help promote safety by keeping an eye on the lands managed by DNR and report suspicious activities, vandalism or theft. DNR relies more and more on volunteers to help protect our natural resources, promote safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences, and maintain sustainable recreation on state lands. has been earned for trust beneficiaries www.dnr.wa.gov for Volunteer since 1970... non-tax funds for schools 43 RECREATION SITES offer options for fun: picnic sites, campgrounds, saltwater access, and trailheads—mostly in 2.1 million MILES of designated trails cross DNR-Become

DNR offers many opportunities for individuals

and groups to get involved. In two years,

volunteers spent 99,400 hours maintaining

recreation trails and facilities, weeding natura

areas, cleaning up beaches, monitoring streams

and guiding school classes. Volunteers and the

managed lands—including motorized, a Volunteer

ACRES of private and state protected by DNR Washington's largest "on call" and Aquatic Reserve. This is the largest, mostly

OUT OF 10 WILDFIRES are controlled by DNR before they burn ten acres of forest

Did You

Know?

\$6 billion

and communities.

21.8 MILLION SQ. FT.

of 363 new or remodele

schools from 2002 to 2009

was paid for with revenue

acres of forested state trust lands.

from school trust lands.

fabricated over the years by DNR to fight wildfires statewide

be maintained between your home and

Be Safe Have a working. approved spark arrester on your off-road

> Never park vehicles including recreational vehicles, on dry vegetation.

A favorite spot for kayakers and boaters, Cypress also is

an important link in the Cascadia Marine Trail system one of 16 National Millennium Trails sweep down to the water's edge. Kayakers can find solitude paddling the shoreline. Trails in the NRCA offer breathtaking vistas of the San Juan Islands and

The exhaust system can get hot enough to start a fire.

2010 MAP

SUSTAINING AQUATIC LANDS | TREE PLANTING | EDUCATING | GROWING WORKING FORESTS | FUNDING SCHOOLS | PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT | PRESERVING NATURAL AREAS | FIREFIGHTING | SUSTAINING AQUATIC LANDS | TREE PLANTING | EDUCATING | GROWING WORKING FORESTS | FUNDING SCHOOLS



EDUCATING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL **CULMINATING PROJECTS**

Purple martins, the sleek dark flyers, are being monitored at Woodard Bay Natural Resources **Conservation Area** by local high school students in Thurston County. The birds' behaviors are recorded and entered into a database, which shows a baseline of information on the numbers of birds using the site for nesting and changes in the colony over time.

In partnership with the Pacific Education Institute, DNR began the senior culminating projects program in September 2007, which matches high school students with a variety of natural resource projects that help them meet their culminating project requirements. Working with mentors and experts, students help the environment and learn how to collect data and assist in research.



STATE FOREST

STATE FOREST TRANSFER TRUST

STATE FOREST PURCHASED TRUST

PRESERVING NATURAL AREAS KLICKITAT CANYON NRCA

The designated boundary for the **Klickitat Canyon** Natural Resources Conservation Area was expanded to potentially add 1,500 acres to the nearly 500 acres currently conserved. DNR was assisted in the effort by the Columbia Land Trust, a Vancouver-based conservation partner. Klickitat Canyon NRCA originally was established for its geologic and scenic qualities—a dramatic canyon with river below. However, recent analysis revealed

important ecological features

such as rare plants and habitat for

the state-endangered sandhill crane.

bobcat, deer, bald eagles and an

assortment of other birds.

Ponderosa pines dominate the forests

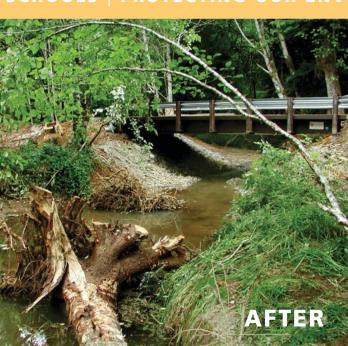
here, and the site is home to black bear,

▲ RESTORING SALMON HABITAT TWO PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT **STREAMS AND STREAM-SIDE HABITAT** The Family Forest Fish Passage Program* has been opening habitat for Washington fish and helping owners of small forests since 2003. The legislatively funded projects have corrected more than 194 fish barriers, opening up more than 460 miles of stream habitat.

NATURAL AREAS

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AREA (NRCA)

One example, shown above, illustrates how other state agencies and DNR worked with the Chehalis Basin Partnership and the landowner to replace a culvert on Fairchild Creek in Grays Harbor County. The project opened up 6.6 miles of high-quality fish habitat. In addition, the Forestry Riparian Easement Program, administered by DNR's Small Forest Landowner Office, has protected 4,938 acres of streamside forest in Washington by purchasing 256 easements from landowners who leave buffers on streams to protect fish and water quality.



outfall drop creates a

passage barrier for both

adult and juvenile fish.

should maintain natural

and gradient below the

bridge or through the

Proper fish passage

streambed materials

▲ An undersized culvert

installed in the stream for

fish pool creation, and a

new bridge installed. The

habitat for coho, Chinook,

steelhead, cutthroat, and

chum salmon. Fairchild

Creek is now

barrier free;

and the

was removed, logs

project opened up

spawning and rearing

State trust lands create rural jobs to fuel the economic engine of Washington.



CREATING CLEAN ENERGY

WIND POWER PROJECTS One of the first wind power projects in which state trust lands participated is Wild Horse Wind Power Project, near Vantage. On this landscape, DNR has diversified the income sources for the school trust with multiple uses on the same land. Lands traditionally used only for grazing leases, now also generate revenue from wind turbines and communication towers. The geographically dispersed trust lands across the state allow DNR to partner further in potential revenue-generating

activities into the future.

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